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FOLLOW-UP ON THE UNGA RESOLUTION ON AFGHANISTAN

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The Issues

Stet → ~~Two issues related to our overall policy on Afghanistan which arise in the UN context are implementation of the recent UNGA resolution on Afghanistan~~ and ~~further US aid to Afghan refugees.~~ release

The UN has been a central element in efforts by the West and a number of non-aligned countries to focus international attention and pressure on the Soviets for their invasion of Afghanistan. After the Soviets vetoed a Security Council resolution calling for their withdrawal from Afghanistan last January, an Emergency Special Session of the UN General Assembly adopted a similar resolution sponsored by the Islamic and non-aligned groups condemning the invasion, with 104 countries voting in favor. On November 20, the UNGA passed a new resolution by an even larger majority (111 in favor). This resolution calls for withdrawal of foreign troops, non-intervention, and non-alignment and self-determination for the Afghanistan people. It "expresses the hope" that the Secretary General will appoint a special representative to seek a political settlement of the crisis in accordance with the terms of the resolution.

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Time Factors

A special representative of the Secretary General, which the November 20 resolution recommends, will probably be appointed soon.

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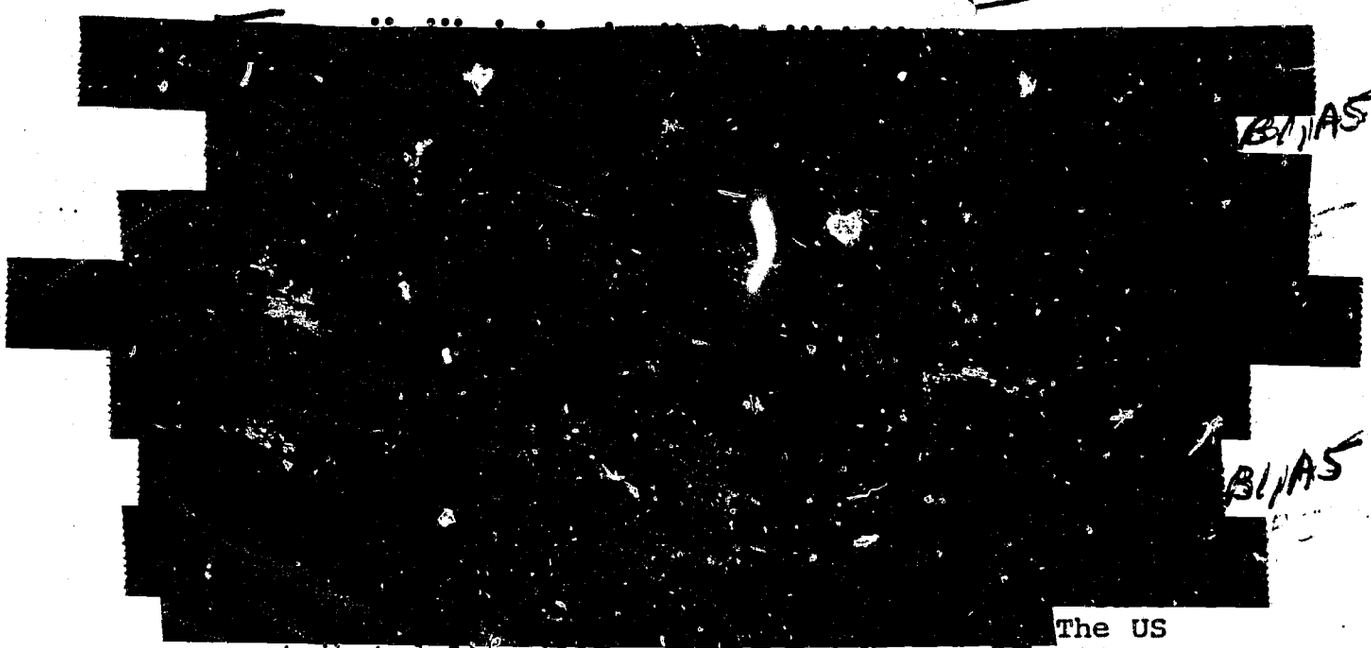

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The US contributed $44 million in food and non-food aid to the Afghan refugee program in 1980, and we expect to continue our support.

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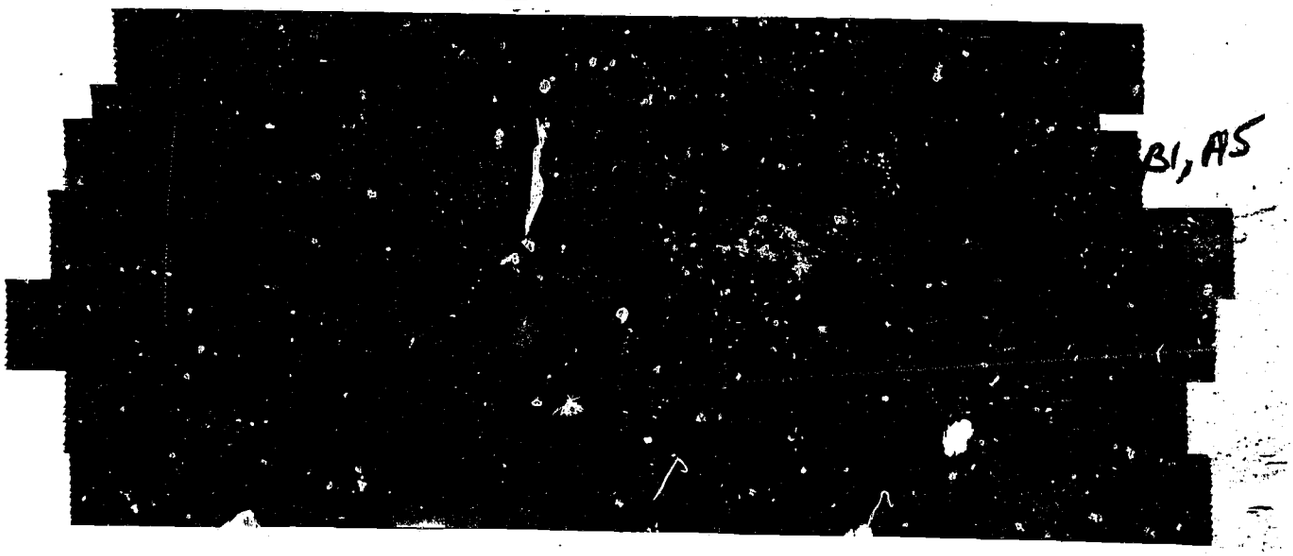

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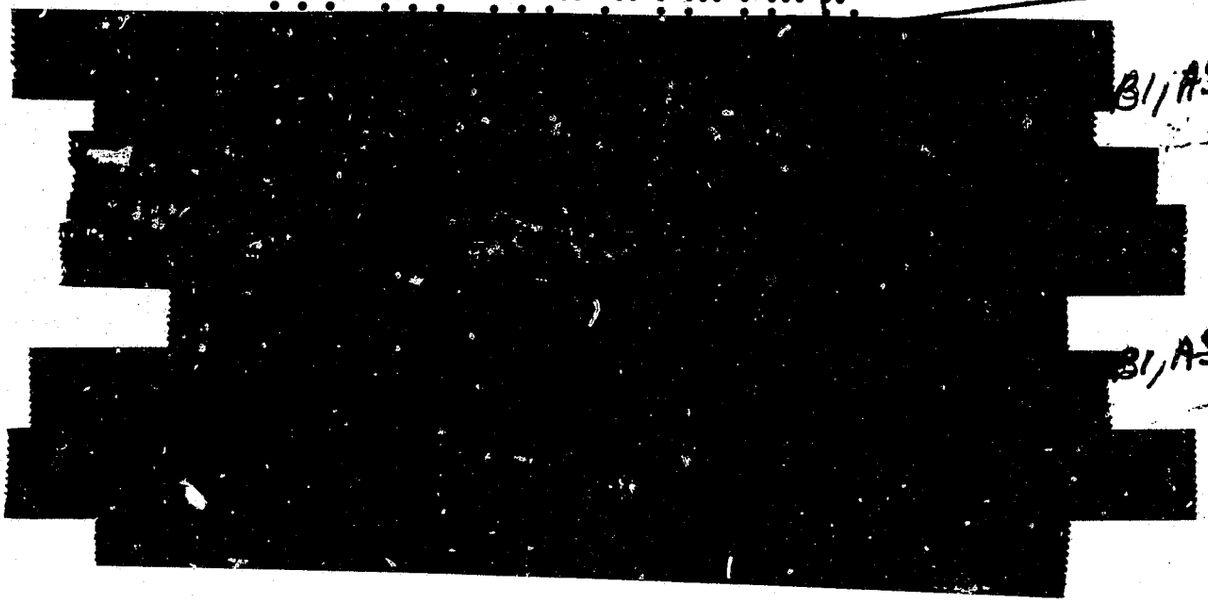

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